

The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new leadership role, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. Calls I make are to keep in touch with family or friends, not to earn an income. I use pay ahead minutes to be able to stay within my budget and have a telephone with me in case of emergency. Why should I have to pay the same money with companies who make millions and get special tax breaks. Things we the people have no control over, (utilities, gas companies, and taxes) keep bringing the average income person to a lower and lower living standard. I have been working for 40 years and though my income is higher my standard of living is much lower. Why can't corporate leaders be satisfied with what they have instead of constantly taking from us?

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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